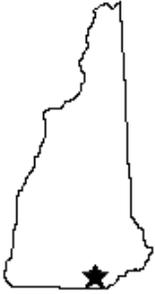


# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Budget Committee

Jonathan Maltz, Chairman · Michael Buczynski, Vice-Chairman

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### Budget Committee Meeting Minutes November 21, 2013

#### A. Call to Order

Vice Chair Mike Buczynski called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Steve Nute.

#### C. Attendance

**Members Present:** Chair Jonathan Maltz (arrived 7:05), Vice-Chair Michael Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma, Ted Trost, Selectman Liaison Ted Luszey, School Board Liaison Patty Langlais

**Members Absent:** Joyce Goodwin (excused)

#### D. Public Input

None presented.

#### E. Reports of Committees

School Board:

School Board Liaison Patty Langlais reported that the School Board continues to work within the FY2014 Default Budget.

Board of Selectmen

Selectmen Liaison Ted Luszey reported that the Senior Center construction is making good progress with much of the external work completed in time for winter.

## **F. Acceptance of minutes**

- Sept 19, 2013 –  
John Drabinowicz moved to accept the minutes of Sept. 19. Ted Trost seconded the motion.

### **Vote:**

Motion passed 10-0.

- Oct 17 2013 –  
Ted Trost moved to accept the minutes of Oct 17. John Drabinowicz seconded the motion.

### **Vote:**

Motion passed 9-0-1 with School Board Liaison Patty Langlais abstaining.

## **G. Town Budget Presentation**

### **1. Intro, Revenue, Default, Warrant Article Straw Vote**

Selectmen Liaison Ted Luszey introduced the proposed Town budget for FY2015. He noted that the direction to the department heads was to limit any increases to a maximum of 2% increase to the current year budget. Anything critical outside that guideline would need to be reviewed separately. The proposed budget for FY2015 forwarded by the Board of Selectmen is \$23,959,448.

Kathy Carpentier presented the revenue summary for the budget.

Chairman Jon Maltz requested straw votes for each of the proposed Warrant Articles on the Town ballot. The votes for each article were as follows.

### **Warrant Article A**

#### **General Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$23,959,448? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$23,329,646 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is \$6.45.

**Vote:**

5-5, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Stephen Nute, Ted Luszey, Patty Langlais in favor; Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost, Jon Maltz in opposition.

**Warrant Article B**

**Wage and Benefit increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1707 which represents a 2.75% increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article A. the Operating Budget) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is less than one cent

**Vote:**

7-2-1, Jim Barnes, Mike Buczynski, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz, Stephen Nute, Ted Trost in favor; Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz opposed; Stuart Schniederman abstained.

**Warrant Article C**

**Wage and Benefit Increase for Non-Union Personnel**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,790 which represents a 2.75% increase in wages and benefits for the following non-union positions: Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Road Agent, IT Director, Finance Director, Recreation Director, and Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen? (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is one cent.

**Vote:**

2-3-5, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey in favor; Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz opposed; Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost abstained.

**Warrant Article D**

**Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Major Repairs for Town Buildings**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing or replacing major structural components or systems for Town Buildings to be known as "Town Buildings Major Repair Capital Reserve Fund" to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is less than one cent

**Vote:**

5-3-2: Jim Barnes, Mike Buczynski, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz in favor; John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Ted Trost opposed; Stuart Schniederman, Randy Brownrigg abstained.

**Warrant Article E**

**Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Recreation Equipment**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of improving/renovation and replacing equipment at Recreation Facilities to be known as "Recreation Equipment Capital Reserve Fund" and to raise an appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund an to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required) (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimate tax rate impact is less than one cent

**Vote:**

4-5-1: Randy Brownrigg, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz in favor; Jim Barnes, Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Ted Trost opposed; Stuart Schniederman abstained.

**Warrant Article G**

**Sewer Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate \$1,665,684 for the operation of the Town Sewer Utility Department? Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Town Sewer Utility Department shall be \$1,649,375 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town Meeting or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised appropriation for the Town Sewer Utility Department only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) There is no tax rate impact

**Vote:**

10-0: Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost voted in favor.

**Warrant Article H**

### **Water Fund Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate \$3,871,757 for the operation of the Town Water Utility Department? Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Town Water Utility Department shall be \$3,800,846 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town Meeting or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised appropriation for the Town Water Utility Department only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) There is no tax rate impact

#### **Vote:**

10-0: Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost voted in favor.

### **Warrant Article I**

#### **Senior Citizen Activities Revolving Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Senior Citizen Activities Revolving Fund pursuant to NH RSA 35-B:2(ii) and NH RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing recreational activities and services for Hudson's Senior Citizens. All revenues received from user fees paid by participants in Senior Citizen programs and/or trips sponsored by the Recreation Department shall be deposited into the Fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the Fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend from the Fund. These funds may be expended only for purposes of providing recreational programs and services for Hudson's Senior Citizens, and associated operating and administrative purposes. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) There is no tax rate impact.

#### **Vote:**

3-6-1: Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Ted Trost in favor; Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz, Stephen Nute in opposition; Stuart Schniederman abstained.

### **Warrant Article J**

#### **Hudson Cable TV Revolving Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Hudson Cable Television Revolving Fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h(e) for the purpose of providing cable television access for public,

educational, or governmental use. All revenues received from cable television franchise fees, or other income derived from the Town of Hudson cable television operations shall be deposited into the Fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the Fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend from the Fund. These funds may be expended only for purposes of cable television access for public, educational, or governmental use and associated operating and administrative purposes.  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) There is no tax rate impact.

**Vote:**

5-3-2: Mike Buczynski, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz, Ted Trost in favor; Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz in opposition; Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma abstained.

**Warrant Article K**

**Establish Recreation Field Construction Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction and upgrading field space for recreation programs, said fund to be known as the Recreation Field Space Construction Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund and to further designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is less than one cent.

**Vote:**

7-3: Jim Barnes, Mike Buczynski, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma in favor; Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Ted Trost in opposition.

**2. Highway**

Road Agent Kevin Burns presented the proposed Highway Department budget and responded to questions.

**3. Solid waste**

Kevin Burns presented the proposed Solid Waste budget and responded to questions.

Chairman Jon Maltz declared a recess at 8:38pm.

The Budget Committee hearing was reconvened at 8:47pm.

**4. Benson Park**

Benson Park Committee Chairman Harry Schibanoff and Kevin Burns presented the proposed Benson Park budget and responded to questions.

**5. Sewer Fund**

Town Engineer Patrick Colburn presented the proposed Sewer Department budget and responded to questions.

**6. Water Fund**

Town Engineer Patric Colburn presented the proposed Water Department budget and responded to questions.

**7. Land Use**

Town Engineer Patrick Colburn presented the proposed budget for the Land Use departments and responded to questions.

**8. Conservation Commission**

Conservation Commission Chairman Jim Battis and Patrick Colburn presented the proposed budget for the Conservation Commission and responded to questions.

**H. Other Business/Comments**

**Motion:**

Jim Barnes moved to request details on the rates for the Sewer Consumption fees for the proposed FY2015 budget and the previous 3 – 5 years for comparison purposes. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

Motion passed 10-0.

**I. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Patty Langlais moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

Motion passed 10-0.

Chairman Jon Maltz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

November 21, 2013

Jim Barnes.

Clerk